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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
SDCDA TO OPEN FIRST SATELLITE LOCATION IN GAFFNEY**

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, Acting Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs is pleased to announce the opening of the department's first satellite location at the Cherokee County Library in Gaffney. The location, which will serve Cherokee County, is the first of several scheduled openings around the state. In its inaugural efforts, the department will provide from its current staff, three persons to take complaints, answer questions, and provide educational material.

The Gaffney office hours are 10 a.m.-1:00pm on Thursday July 31. Consumers that have problems should come and bring documentation with them regarding their particular situation.

Pinkston stated that despite budget cuts, this is part of the department's commitment to outreach -- to be visible in areas in the state where consumers are not familiar with our services and provide them with what they need most: help and information. She also said that South Carolina consumers, now, more than ever need assistance in resolving complaints on predatory lending, credit, automobile and other consumer related issues.

This effort has been made possible through a collaborative effort with Ben Cleary, Cherokee County Administrator and his staff, and Cherokee County librarian Ann Moseley. The grand opening is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the library.

Other scheduled monthly openings include locations in Hampton, Laurens, and Colleton counties.

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